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TAGS: PEPR, ENRG, ETRD, NG, KS

SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN INTEREST IN NIGER YELLOWCAKE

REF: NIAMEY 1484

1. SOUTH KOREAN INTEREST IN NIGER YELLOWCAKE IS PART OF OVERALL EFFORT TO EXPAND TRADE WITH AFRICA, SOUTHEAST ASIA, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. TWENTY MAN TRADE MISSION WHICH INCLUDED ONE GEOLOGIST, MR. KIM MAHN-SUP OF KOREA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF GEOSCIENCE AND MINERAL RESOURCES, BEGAN TOUR OF AFRICA (MORROCO, NIGERIA, NIGER, GABON, CAMMEROONS, AND IVORY COAST) ON MARCH 20.

2. INCREASED RATE OF URANIUM ORE MINING SUPPORTS USG APPROACH TO PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR FUELS IN A MANNER WHICH DOES NOT POSE INCREASED NUCLEAR WEAPON PROLIFERATION RISKS.

3. KOREAN USE OF YELLOWCAKE AS FEEDSTOCK FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS IS SUBJECT TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND IN THE CASE WHERE U.S. FACILITIES ARE USED WILL BE SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS OF U.S. NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO DISCOURAGE ITS SALE TO SOUTH KOREA.

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